

Community Enhancement Committee

Committee Meeting

Date: 3/30/16

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: City of Hermiston, Council Chambers

Committee Members in attendance:

- Phillip Spicer
- Debbie Pedro

Committee Members excused:

- Karen Zacharias
- Billie Jean Morris

City Council Liaisons:

- David Drotzmann, Mayor
- Jackie Myers

City Staff in attendance:

- Mark Morgan, Asst. City Mgr
 - Larry Fetter, Parks & Rec. Director
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1. Call to order: Mayor Drotzmann
2. Minutes: None
3. Old Business: Public Art Plan
 - a. Purpose: Mark Morgan began by reiterating the purpose, and intended use, of the Public Art Plan. He stated that the final plan should not be viewed as a list of projects that the City will fund and construct; but rather should be viewed as a community-wide plan which can be used to help direct various public and private efforts to add art to the community. Several examples of how the plan may be used included:
 - If the Desert Arts Council wants to commission a sculpture to be done as part of their annual arts festival, and have it placed in the community, then they could consult the Public Art Plan to identify an appropriate location. Then, they would work with the City, and any necessary stakeholders to gain approval. Once the sculpture is finished and placed, it will then add to a logical enhancement to the community's aesthetic.
 - If an Eagle Scout, or other group of community volunteers, contacts the City about doing a service project, then City Staff can consult the plan to direct the volunteer efforts toward a similar project that has already been through a public process.
 - b. Draft Plan Presentation: Art Plan Consultant, Becky Couch, gave a presentation about all of the 54 proposed locations and concepts for public art. Committee members were given copies of the report 3 weeks before the meeting to review, and gave various levels of feedback on each of the concepts and locations. The general consensus was that the locations and concepts were appropriate, with a few minor changes, which would be incorporated before taking to the public for community-wide input.
 - c. Next Steps:
 - Becky will incorporate the Committee's comments in to the draft list of concepts.
 - Becky will work with City Staff to develop display materials to show the draft list of concepts, and will host a Public Open House on May 6, 2016, as well as host a booth at the Eastern Oregon Arts Festival on May 7, 2016. She will also host a booth at a Saturday Market at a weekend later in June.

- Becky will send a draft recommendation for Public Art Policies to City Staff by mid-April. Committee members will then get copies of the draft policies to review and offer comments on by late April.
- All of the public Comments and suggested policies will be compiled in to a final Draft Public Art Plan for the Committee to review in mid-June.

4. New Business:
 - a. None
5. Officer/Staff Reports: None
6. Next meeting: Mid-June (no date set)
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 by Mayor Drotzmann

Minutes submitted by Billie Jean Morris